

REMARKS

In the most recent office action, a Restriction Requirement dated April 27, 2004 was issued that argues that a total of four inventions are claimed: Group I, claims 26-32, Group II, claims 33-35, Group III, claims 36-38, and Group IV, claim 39.

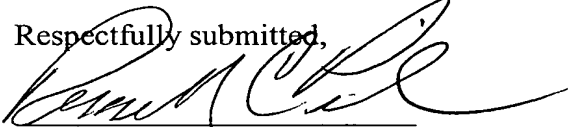
In response to the restriction requirement, applicant submits this response that includes a preliminary amendment to the claims. By way of the preliminary amendment, independent claims 33, 36, and 39 have been amended to depend from claim 26. Accordingly, there is only one independent claim pending, and therefore there is only one invention claimed. The application is now in a format where all claims should be examined, and the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

As is required, applicant hereby elects **Group I, claims 26-32**, for prosecution. However, as is noted above, applicant believes the entire claim set as pending should be examined, and applicant traverses the restriction requirement as it applies to the amended claim set.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is submitted that the claims as appearing in this application are in good and proper form for allowance. A favorable action on the part of the examiner is respectfully solicited.

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